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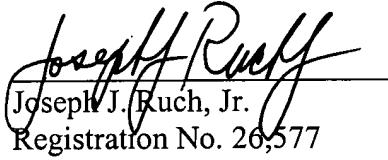
REMARKS

Claims 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 31 have been amended and claims 32-36 have been added hereinabove to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the Examination.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

8. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 1-~~or~~4,
wherein a surface roughness Ra of the plateau-forming top surface is not less than
2.5 μm .
10. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 8-~~or~~9,
wherein a width of the plateau-forming top surface is not less than 20% of a pitch
of convex portions.
11. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to ~~any one of Claims~~
Claim 8-~~to~~10,
wherein the width of the plateau-forming top surface is constant.
12. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to ~~any one of Claims~~
Claim 8-~~to~~11,
wherein the width of the plateau-forming top surface is random.
15. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 12-~~or~~14,
wherein segmenting walls are arranged at equal intervals.
25. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to ~~any one of Claims~~
Claim 13-~~to~~15,

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wherein the trough-like geometry is constant in sectional area while the segmenting wall has a depth distribution of troughs having a depth of not less than 5% of the maximum trough depth.

27. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 25 or 26, wherein the trough-like geometry is provided in parallel with the direction of flow of the interlayer for a laminated glass.

28. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1, 4, 8, to 15 and 25 to 27,

wherein the thermoplastic resin sheet is a plasticized polyvinyl acetal resin sheet.

30. (Amended) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1, 4, 8, to 15 and 25 to 28,

wherein an angle between the concave trough and a direction of extrusion of said thermoplastic resin sheet is less than 25°C.

31. (Amended) A laminated glass obtained by interposing the interlayer for a laminated glass according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1, 4, 8 to 15, 25 to 28 and 30 between at least one pair of glass sheets and consolidating them into an integral unit.

Please add the following new claims 32-36.

32. (New) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 4 wherein a surface roughness Ra of the plateau-forming top surface is not less than 2.5μ.

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33. (New) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 4,
wherein a width of the plateau-forming top surface is not less than 20% of a pitch
of convex portions.

34. (New) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 4,
wherein the thermoplastic resin sheet is a plasticized polyvinyl acetal resin sheet.

35. (New) The interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim 4,
wherein an angle between the concave trough and a direction of extrusion of said
thermoplastic resin sheet is less than 25°.

36. (New) A laminated glass
obtainable by interposing the interlayer for a laminated glass according to Claim
4, between at least one pair of glass sheets and consolidating them into an integral unit.